

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 were rejected as being anticipated and/or obvious over Reiner US Patent No. 5,711,961. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-7, and submitted new claims 8-14.

New claims 8 is a product-by-process claim that is similar to process claim 1 of the parent application, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,322,828. Dependent claims 9-14 add further limitations that further distinguish them from the prior art.

Applicants believe claims 8-14 are now in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner identifies any remaining impediment to allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned counsel.

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